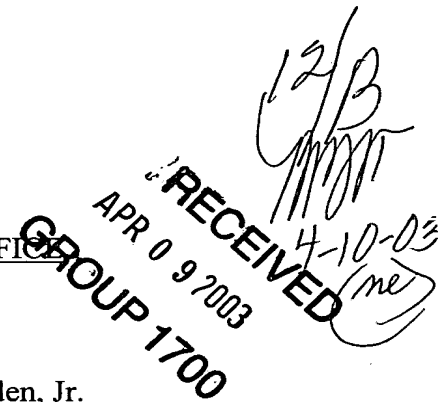


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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SERIAL NO: 09/903,785 :

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FOR: CLEANSING COSMETIC COMPOSITION

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A cleansing composition, comprising:

(1) at least one foaming surfactant, (2) at least 1 % by weight of at least one hydrophilic silica, relative to the total weight of the composition, and (3) at least one oxyalkylenated compound which is selected from the group consisting of oxyethylenated compounds and oxyethylenated/oxypropylenated compounds in a physiologically acceptable aqueous medium comprising at least 35 % by weight of water, relative to the total weight of the composition, wherein said oxyalkylenated compound is a thickening agent.

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